GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Buffer Stock of Pulses
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of pulses have been rising during the last three years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the quantity and price of pulses imported indicating the names of the importing companies/agencies during the said period;

(c) whether the Government is negotiating with neighbouring countries to create a buffer stock of pulses; and

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) : Yes, Madam. The rise in prices of pulses is mainly on account of shortfall in domestic production due to adverse weather conditions and increase in demand because of rise in population and per capita income and change in food habits. In addition, speculation, cartelization, black-marketing/hoarding also put pressure on prices. The requisite details are given at Annexure.

(b) : The requisite details on the quantity and price of pulses imported during the last three years are as below:-

IMPORT OF PULSES DURING LAST THREE YEARS

YEAR QTY(TON) VALUE (MILLION USD) PRICE (US $ / TON)
2013-14 3643705 2119.32 581.64
2014-15 4584841 2786.11 607.68
2015-16 5797699 3902.22 673.06

NOTE: FIGURES FOR 2015-16 IS PROVISIONAL.
Source:- DGCIS

(c) : No, Madam.

(d) : Does not arise.

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